# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM
# LOK SABHA

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Development of Tourism in Lakshadweep
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has any plan to improve the tourism sector in Lakshadweep;
(b) whether the Government has received any representations from Lakshadweep administration in this regard; and
(c) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): Plan to improve the tourism sector is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territories including the UT of Lakshadweep.

UT of Lakshadweep has informed that they have issued the Lakshadweep Tourism Policy-2016 on 4th March, 2016 to position tourism as an engine of socio-economic development of Lakshadweep to transform and position Lakshadweep as a unique and best dive tourist destination in the world. Their plan is to promote and facilitate; Eco-friendly Resorts, Tourist Homes, Cruise Tourism, Beach Tourism, Dive Tourism, Heli-Tourism, Film Tourism, improve inter-island connectivity, expansion of Agatti Island Airport, etc. They have obtained clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs to notify Agatti Island as Customs Port. The Ministry of Home Affairs has also directed them to set up functional Immigration Check Posts at Agatti and Minicoy Islands.

No specific representations have been received in this Ministry from Lakshadweep Administration in this regard.
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